# Minutes of the 12 June 2017 Regular Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners Held at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Yancey County Courtroom Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present at the 12 June 2017 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were: Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Mark Ledford, Commissioner John Stallings, Commissioner Jeff Whitson, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Attorney Donny Laws, members of the media, and members of the general public.

# Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order and then delivered the invocation. After the invocation, Commissioner Stallings led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Riddle then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stallings made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment A).

# Governor's Volunteer Awards

The Board next heard from Linda Semon, County Coordinator for the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in Yancey County. Mrs. Semon stated that three individuals from Yancey County had been recognized by Governor Roy Cooper in Raleigh in April. Those individuals were: Bill Baker, Jan Sparks, and Bob Wilson. The Board congratulated these individuals and recognized that they helped to make Yancey County a better place to live.

# **Public Comment**

The Board first heard from Marvin Taylor who spoke about his displeasure with the Sheriff. The Board next heard from Sheriff Gary Banks who spoke about how grateful he was for the service of the Board and what they have done for Yancey County. The Board next heard from Anthony Robinson who spoke about how he felt Commissioner Walter Savage was bad for the County.

#### Consent Agenda

The Board next moved to the consent agenda portion of the agenda. On the consent agenda for June was approval of the May 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. In addition, applications for firework displays within the County were included in the consent agenda (Attachment AA). Also on the consent agenda were three Board appointments. The first of these appointments was for Deven Raines for a pharmacist on the Toe River Board of Health (Attachment B). The second appointment was for the reappointment of Mrs. Julia Norris to the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees (Attachment C). The third appointment was the reappointment of Mrs. Christy Wilson in the private sector seat of the High Country Workforce Development Board of Directors (Attachment D). The consent agenda also included a budget revision for the Yancey County Senior Center (Attachment E) as well as a request from the tax department to accept two late present use value applications (Attachment F). Finally, the consent agenda contained the May tax collection report which was for informational purposes only (Attachment G). Upon hearing the matters on the consent agenda, Commissioner Whitson made a motion to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous.

# Yancey County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Hearing and Adoption

The Board next heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett concerning the 2017-18 fiscal year budget. Mr. Bennett read to the Board and the public his 2017-18 Budget Message (Attachment H) explaining the budget for fiscal year 2016-17 and that this budget is balanced at \$22,047,874. Mr. Bennett stated that the process this year wasn't as difficult as last year. Upon hearing from Mr. Bennett, Chairman Riddle opened up the public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the budget. When no one offered to speak, Commissioner Austin made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stallings and the vote to close the public hearing was unanimous. The Board was then advised by County Attorney Donny Laws that the budget ordinance needed to contain a short section concerning the compensation given to the commissioners. Upon hearing from Mr. Laws, Chairman Riddle made a motion to approve the budget ordinance with language being added about compensation

for commissioners. Commissioner Whitson then seconded the motion and the vote to approve the budget ordinance was unanimous (Attachment I).

# **County Manager Report**

The Board next heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that Blue Ridge Regional Hospital and Mission Health had decided to eliminate labor and delivery services at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. Mr. Bennett stated that a number of the Board members as well as the public had expressed concern over this decision. Mr. Bennett stated the he had prepared a draft resolution for consideration. Chairman Riddle then asked the clerk to read the resolution. Upon hearing from the clerk, Commissioner Stallings made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ledford and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment J). Mr. Bennett also stated that he had another draft resolution to send to the legislative delegation for Yancey County at the General Assembly. According to Mr. Bennett mental health services could be cut more than \$150 million in the proposed state budget, on top of more than another \$170 million over the past two years. This is a grave concern for all communities. Upon hearing from Mr. Bennett, Commissioner Whitson made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment K). Mr. Bennett also stated that he had received an email this date from Vivan Hollifield, Director of the Yancey County Senior Center, asking that the Board consider approving the Yancey County Senior Center as the lead agency for the Home and Community Care Block Grant as well as approving the board that administers this grant. Upon hearing from Mr. Bennett, Commissioner Ledford made a motion to approve the Yancey County Senior Center as the lead agency for the Home and Community Care Block Grant and to approve the board that administers that grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitson and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment L).

# **County Attorney Business**

County Attorney Donny Laws stated that he had nothing for the Board.

# **Commissioner Business**

Commissioner Whitson mentioned that he had spoke with the folks that are doing the Charters of Freedom and they are starting soon. Commissioner Whitson stated that there were a lot of generous people in Yancey County that had donated toward this project.

# **Adjournment**

Having no further business Commissioner Whitson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the	<u>10"</u> day of July 2017.
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(county seal)	Jeff Whitson, Commissioner



# AGENDA YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

June 12, 2017 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Governor's Volunteer Awards Linda Semon, County Coordinator for the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in Yancey County
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of the Minutes-May 8<sup>th</sup> regular minutes
  - b. Approval of fireworks permits
  - c. Board Appointment Toe River Health District Pharmacist Deven Raines
  - d. Board Appointment Mayland Community College Julia Norris
  - e. Yancey County Senior Center Budget Revision
  - f. Tax Office Request
  - g. May Tax Collection Report Informational
- VII. Yancey County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget
  - a. 2017-18 Budget Message Nathan Bennett, County Manager
  - b. PUBLIC HEARING
  - c. Consideration and Adoption
- VIII. County Manager Report Nathan Bennett, County Manager
  - a. RESOLUTION Blue Ridge Community Hospital
  - b. General Update
- IX. County Attorney Report Donny Laws, County Attorney
- X. County Commissioners Report
- XI. Adjourn

<ul> <li>All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met.</li> <li>A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application.</li> <li>Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained.</li> <li>A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application: must be attached.</li> <li>A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Applicant Signature:</li> </ul>	Phone: (863) 789-5733 Fax: (803) 789-6440  Date of Discharge: 7-4-2017 Start Time for Discharge: 9:307M  Location of Discharge: Mountain Air run way 5044 end  Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: Lat Dunkay	Applicant: Meuritain Air Date: \$-23-17  Mailing Address: 40. 150x 220, Becasuille, NC 28714  Phone: (828) 682-5400 Fax: (828) 682-0311  Pyrotechnic Co. Name: East Coast Eurotechnics, Inc.	FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OUTDOOR FIREWORKS APPLICATION
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Application Complete

Site approved including fallout zone

Inspected By: Heller Holler Fire Many Hire Matte: 5-25-20



# YANCEY COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OUTDOOR FIREWORKS APPLICATION

Applicant: Yancey County	Date: May 25, 2017
Mailing Address: 110 Town Square, Room 11, Burnsville, N	
Phone: (828) 692 2071	(828) 682-4301
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: <u>Pyrotechnico</u>	
Mailing Address: PO Box 149, New Castle, PA 16103	
Phone: (724) 652-9555 Fax: (724)	24) 652-1288
Date of Discharge: July 3, 2017 Start Time for D	Discharge: 9:30PM
Location of Discharge: Adjacent to 30 East US Highway 19-E	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: To be Det	ermined
<ul> <li>All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Firework.</li> <li>A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one mean County named as co-insured shall accompany this applicate.</li> <li>Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commission.</li> <li>A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, must be attached.</li> <li>A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF lice Marshal) license.</li> </ul> Applicant Signature:	illion dollars with Yancey ation. ers must be obtained. company the application. and ignition system utilized
Application Complete  Site approved including fallout zone  Inspected By:  Mushal	rtification of Insurance
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# YANCEY COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OUTDOOR FIREWORKS APPLICATION

Applicant: Friends Across N.C. Date: 5/25/17
Mailing Address: 1080 Brinkley Rd., Carthage, NC 28327 Contact: Lucy Y. Wilson, Camp Director Phone: (818) 385-0211 Fax: 855-444-6021
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: <u>Aaron Young CPYRO Shows</u>
Mailing Address: Bakersville, NC, 28714- 115 N 1 st / pfolle
Phone: $(423-566-5799)$ Fax: $x//b$ 72
Date of Discharge: 4/22/2017 Start Time for Discharge: 9:45 pm
Location of Discharge: Toe River Camparound
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: Aaron Young
<ul> <li>All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met.</li> <li>A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application.</li> <li>Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained.</li> <li>A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application.</li> <li>A copy of the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, and ignition system utilized must be attached.</li> <li>A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Marshal) license.</li> </ul> Applicant Signature: Levy W. Wilson Date: 3/25/17
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Application Complete Bond/Certification of Insurance
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# YANCEY COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE OUTDOOR FIREWORKS APPLICATION

Applicant: Toe River Camparcund Date: 5/22/17
Mailing Address: 225 Patience Park Rd
Phone: (828) 675-5104 Fax: (828) 675-9369
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: Pyro Shows
Mailing Address: 115 N 15+ St LaFollette, TN 37766
Phone: (423),5166 - 5729 Fax: N/H
Date of Discharge: 113/2017 Start Time for Discharge: 21:15
Location of Discharge: <u>Carripground</u> (Field)
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: <u>favon Young</u>
<ul> <li>All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met.</li> <li>A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application.</li> <li>Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained.</li> <li>A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application.</li> <li>A copy of the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, and ignition system utilized must be attached.</li> <li>A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Marshal) license.</li> </ul> Applicant Signature: Date: 5/22//7
Application Complete  Site approved including fallout zone  Inspected By:   Many 4 Many Date: 3-25-2015

# Attachment B

# **Nathan Bennett**

From:

Diane Creek [diane.creek@trhd.dst.nc.us]

Sent:

Friday, February 10, 2017 9:20 AM

To:

Nathan Bennett

Subject:

Toe River Health District Board of Health

Good morning Nathan,

Charles Gillespie has been on Toe River's Board of Health for quite a while and he's decided to take himself off because he's not going to renew his pharmacist license. We are looking for a pharmacist to take his place. We would like someone from Yancey County so that our three counties are equally represented. Can you suggest someone who might be interested?

Thanks!

Diane

Diane Creek

Acting Health Director

Toe River Health District

861 Greenwood Rd.

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

O: (828) 737-6100 Ext. 6043

C: (828) 385-0582

diane.creek@trhd.dst.nc.us

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Attachment C



June 5, 2017

Mr. Johnny Riddle, Chairman Yancey County Commissioners 110 Town Square, Room 11 Burnsville, NC 28714

Mr. Riddle,

Mrs. Julia Norris was appointed to the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees on July 22, 1997 and has been reappointed at four-year intervals with the last reappointment being in July of 2013. On June 30, 2017, Mrs. Norris will complete her term with the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Norris has been an asset to Mayland Community College as a loyal trustee providing insight to the committees she serves. She is currently Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and a member of the Personnel Committee. She is very active in the pursuits of Mayland Community College with the best interest of Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery Counties at heart. She also serves as our Yancey County Legislative Liaison.

Based on Mrs. Norris' history and standing with the board, I respectfully request that she be reappointed, with a four-year term beginning July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2021. If it is your decision not to reappoint Mrs. Norris, please name a replacement prior to June 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

John Boyd

President

cc: Nathan Bennett

Julia Norris

Attachment D

# Jason Robinson

From:

Tanna Greathouse [tgreathouse@regiond.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:48 AM

To:

Johnny Riddle

Cc:

Jason Robinson; Keith Deveraux

Subject:

Workforce Development Board REAPPOINTMENT - Christy Wilson

Attachments:

Appointment-Form-Christy-Wilson-L.pdf

Importance:

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# **Greetings Johnny!**

Christy Wilson has agreed to continue representing Yancey County in a private sector seat on the Workforce Development Board. Please find attached her official appointment form for the coming term.

Below are Workforce Director Keith Deveraux's comments on this appointment. Please contact him with any questions you may have!

**Comment:** Christy Wilson has been a great board member and has been eager to learn about the program and board operations. Christy represents the hospitality and tourism sector of the business community in Yancey County, and brings a new fresh perspective to the board. Christy's job demands of her operation on the Inn and restaurant during tourist season and short staff lead to her low attendance. I recommend that Christy Wilson be reappointed to the High Country Workforce Development Board.

Jason - Please let me know when this appointment will get on the meeting schedule and/or when you anticipate confirmation. Thanks and have a great day!

#### Tanna

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Tanna Greathouse Clerk to the Board High Country Council of Governments 468 New Market Boulevard Boone, NC 28607

828-265-5434 ext.101 tgreathouse@regiond.org www.regiond.org

# Attachment E



# Yancey County Committee On Aging, Inc.

10 Swiss Avenue • Burnsville, North Carolna 28714 • (828) 682-6011 • FAX (828) 682-6107

This is our only budget revision for FY17 that we have had to do. He had excess money in Transportation we couldn't spend and also \$1000.00 in Liquid Mutution that we had no clints for so I took the table (\$2900.00) and moved it into In-Home dide where we were overspent.

Call if you have questions. I need this signed as soon as possible please. Call when it's completed and one of us can come pick it up.

Thank you! Viruan

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Attachment F

# YANCEY COUNTY TAX OFFICE

110 Town Square, Room 2 \* Burnsville, North Carolina 28714

Phone: (828) 682-2198 \* Fax (828) 682-4817 Email: danny.mcintosh@yanceycountync.gov

June 12 2017

# Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Request to approve late Application for Agriculture, Horticulture, and Forestry Present-Use Value Assessment for James and Tina Leckey. The Leckey's began the process in November 2016 and did contract with the North Carolina Forest Service for a sound management plan. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the forest service ranger; i.e., multiple forest fires in the forest service area of responsibility the plan was delayed until this spring. The Leckeys promptly submitted the plan along with the application to the tax office and the assessor agreed to submit the circumstances to the Board of Commissioners and recommend the acceptance of the late application.

Request to approve late Application for Agriculture, Horticulture, and Forestry Present-Use Value Assessment for Peter Lloyd Jones. The property owner began the process during the summer of 2016 and did contract with the North Carolina Forest Service for a sound management plan. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the forest service ranger; i.e., multiple forest fires in the forest service area of responsibility the plan was delayed until this spring. The property owner promptly submitted the plan along with the application to the tax office and the assessor agreed to submit the circumstances to the Board of Commissioners and recommend the acceptance of the late application.



# Posting Report 05-01-2017 to 05-31-2017

06-01-2017 8:50 AM

# I. Tax Collections + Releases

Year	General Fund	Burnsville	West Yancey	Egypt/Ramseytown	Clearmont	Double Island	Newdale	South Toe	Pensacola	TOTAL
2013	\$2,295.26	\$30.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$256.93	\$0.00	\$2,582.61
2014	\$4,889.18	\$0.00	\$72.92	\$19.65	\$12.95	\$16.62	\$47.46	\$389.67	\$0.00	\$5,448.45
2015	\$13,228.75	\$0.00	\$137.70	\$134.30	\$56.25	\$131.61	\$68.05	\$894.80	\$0.00	\$14,651.46
2016	\$128,127.14	\$1,296.64	\$1,055.84	\$975.73	\$1,115.12	\$626.03	\$1,333.60	\$2,211.22	\$193.04	\$136,934.36
TOTAL	\$148,540.33	\$1,327.06	\$1,266.46	\$1,129.68	\$1,184.32	\$774.26	\$1,449.11	\$3,752.62	\$193.04	\$159,616.88

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II. Neleases	Current Year	Prior Year	TOTAL
General Fund	\$242.23	\$1.09	\$243.32
Burnsville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Yancey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Egypt/Ramseytown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clearmont	\$1.77	\$0.00	\$1.77
Double Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newdale	\$22.02	\$0.13	\$22.15
South Toe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pensacola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$266.02	\$1.22	\$267.24

# III. Net Tax Collections

Year	General Fund	Burnsville	West Yancey	Egypt/Ramseytown	Clearmont	Double Island	Newdale	South Toe	Pensacola	TOTAL
TOTAL	\$148,297.01	\$1,327.06	\$1,266.46	\$1,129.68	\$1,182.55	\$774.26	\$1,426.96	\$3,752.62	\$193.04	\$159,349.64

# Transaction Type Report 05-01-2017 to 05-31-2017

Year	General	Fire	Penalty	Waste	Additional Fees	Principal	Interest	Advertising Cost	Legal Cost	Total
2013	\$2,295.26	\$287.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,582.61	\$1,287.56	\$30.00	\$2,697.75	\$6,597.92
2014	\$4,888.09	\$559.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,447.23	\$1,409.64	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$6,916.87
2015	\$13,228.75	\$1,422.71	\$555.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,206.91	\$1,981.14	\$113.64	\$2,131.25	\$19,432.94
2016	\$127,884.91	\$8,783.43	\$61.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,729.43	\$6,492.24	\$984.00	\$1,042.46	\$145,248.13
TOTAL	\$148,297.01	\$11,052.63	\$616.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,966.18	\$11,170.58	\$1,187.64	\$5,871.46	\$178,195.86

# Adjustment / Release Report 05-01-2017 to 05-31-2017

Year	Generai	Penalty	Waste	Additional Fees	Principal	Interest	Advertising Cost	Legal Cost	Fire	Amount Due	County Net
2014	\$1.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.09	\$0.28	\$0.00	\$1,680.57	\$0.13	\$1,682.07	\$1,681.94
2015	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.03	\$0.00	\$-357.31	\$0.00	\$-353.28	\$-353.28
2016	\$242.23	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$243.87	\$23.04	\$0.00	\$-1,106.34	\$23.79	\$-815.64	\$-839.43
TOTAL	\$243.32	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$244.96	\$27.35	\$0.00	\$216.92	\$23.92	\$513.15	\$489.23

# Collections Receipts Report 05-01-2017 to 05-31-2017

Total general tax	\$148,297.01
Total fire tax	\$11,052.63
Total penalty	\$616.54
Total Waste Fees	\$0.00
Total Additional Fees	\$0.00
Total principal	\$159,966.18
Total interest	\$11,170.58
Total cost of advertising	\$1,187.64
Total legal	\$5,871.46
Total check overpayments	\$1,222.55
Total Prepaid Payments	\$3,714.71
Total Prepaid Applied	\$0.00
Total misc	\$23,166.94
Grand total receipts	\$183,133.12

# District Payment Report 05-01-2017 to 05-31-2017

Year	District Code	District Name	Amount
2013	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$30.42
2013	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$0.00
2013	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$256.93
2014	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$66.12
2014	003	EGYPT FIRE DISTIRCT	\$19.65
2014	005	GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT	\$11.30
2014	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$1.65
2014	007	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$16.62
2014	008	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	\$47.33
2014	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$389.67
2014	011	PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$6.80
2015	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$0.00
2015	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$60.36
2015	003	EGYPT FIRE DISTIRCT	\$54.05
2015	004	RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT	\$80.25
2015	005	GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT	\$49.20
2015	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$7.05
2015	007	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$131.61
2015	008	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	\$68.05
2015	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$894.80
2015	011	PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$77.34
2016	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,296.64
2016	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$325.77
2016	003	EGYPT FIRE DISTIRCT	\$490.75
2016	004	RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT	\$484.98
2016	005	GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT	\$590.95
2016	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$522.40
2016	007	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$626.03
2016	008	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,311.58
2016	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$2,211.22
2016	010	PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT	\$193.04
2016	011	PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$730.07
TOTAL			\$11,052.63

# Outstanding Balances Report As of 05-31-2017

Year	Amount	County	District	Interest	Advertising	Penalties	Waste	Additional Fees
2006	\$16,718.54	\$7,535.64	\$707.43	\$8,102.36	\$87.50	\$285.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
2007	\$13,086.03	\$6,038.97	\$556.05	\$6,034.37	\$80.50	\$376.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
2008	\$15,713.70	\$7,906.57	\$738.50	\$6,802.49	\$100.00	\$166.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
2009	\$14,567.17	\$8,118.59	\$667.17	\$5,669.41	\$112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	\$19,947.62	\$11,212.74	\$1,179.53	\$7,395.35	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011	\$27,804.63	\$15,522.60	\$1,610.37	\$9,006.43	\$172.00	\$17.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012	\$36,522.57	\$19,400.85	\$2,203.89	\$10,321.57	\$220.00	\$285.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013	\$34,156.43	\$23,309.27	\$2,284.12	\$8,179.04	\$384.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	\$60,380.74	\$39,340.75	\$3,677.05	\$10,088.53	\$360.00	\$527.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
2015	\$117,766.62	\$81,984.64	\$6,947.39	\$11,871.36	\$808.07	\$1,003.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016	\$350,339.73	\$306,718.23	\$16,074.81	\$10,765.35	\$2,148.00	\$756.28	\$0.00	\$4.00
Total	\$707,003.78	\$527,088.85	\$36,646.31	\$94,236.26	\$4,632.07	\$3,418.16	\$0.00	\$4.00

Yancey County Tax Office County/District Collection Percentage Report As of: 05-31-2017

2016 County

Net Levy \$

12,646,472.81

12,339,754.58 Collections \$

Collections %

Run Date: 06-01-2017

97.58

**Districts** 

Name	Net Levy \$	Collections \$	Collections %
001 - BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	154,031.09	152,081.83	98.74
002 - CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	71,314.19	70,099.07	98.30
003 - EGYPT FIRE DISTIRCT	76,681.46	75,620.91	98.62
004 - RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT	25,255.90	24,687.63	97.75
005 - GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT	29,301.44	28,604.62	97.63
006 - JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	64,831.49	63,645.23	98.18
007 - BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	40,574.84	39,612.16	97.63
008 - CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	147,900.27	144,665.92	97.82
009 - SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	193,595.14	190,379.26	98.34
010 - PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT	77,640.18	76,665.76	98.75
011 - PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	154,074.09	153,062.89	99.35

District Totals

Net Levy \$

1,035,200.09

1,019,125.28

Collections \$

98.45

Collections %

# YANCEY COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

# Alpha/ Vehicles

# End of Month Breakout View Posted Payments in Date Range 05/01/2017 to 05/31/2017 for Both

Description	Amount
Vehicle Payments	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2016	\$185.96
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2015	\$47.45
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2014	\$24.45
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2013	\$2.50
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2012	
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County Vehicle Tax Payments 2009	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2008	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2007	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2006	
County Vehicle Interest	\$14.12
County Vehicle Total Payments	\$274.48
Burnsville VFD Vehicle Tax	\$6.03
South Toe VFD Vehicle Tax	\$1.39
Newdale VFD Vehicle Tax	\$2.96
West Yancey VFD Vehicle Tax	\$8.89
Egypt/Ramseytown VFD Vehicle Tax	\$0.42
Clearmont VFD Vehicle Tax	\$3.33
Double Island VFD Vehicle Tax	
Pensacola VFD Vehicle Tax	
VFD Vehicle Interest	\$1.12
VFD Vehicle Total Payments	\$24.14
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Tax	\$2.50
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Interest	\$0.77
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Total Payment	\$3.27
State Vehicle Interest	\$3.60
Vehicle Total Payments	\$305.49

06/01/2017

# YANCEY COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

# End of Month Breakout

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\$605.94	\$339.49	\$241.98	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interest \$2.28 \$6.89 \$15.30
\$86.19	\$49.68	\$36.48	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Intere
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\$62.08	\$29.83	\$32.15	EGYPT FIRE DISTIRCT Vehicle Interest \$0.07 \$0.02 \$0.01
\$144.79	\$88.37	\$55.14	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interes \$0.37 \$0.40 \$0.51
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\$332.73	\$110.66	\$89.07	PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax \$80.15 \$51.74 \$1.11

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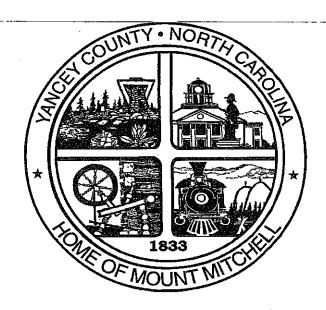
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Attachment H

# **COUNTY OF YANCEY**

FY 2017-2018

# BUDGET MESSAGE



June 12, 2017

Nathan R. Bennett Yancey County Manager

# YANCEY COUNTY BUDGET MESSAGE

**FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018** 

# To the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners and Citizens of Yancey County:

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In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 159-11, the Yancey County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed budget is respectfully submitted for your review and consideration. The proposed budget sets forth a plan of operations for all County departments, programs, and capital projects for the coming year. This proposed budget is balanced in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act with general fund revenues and expenditures each totaling \$22,047,874. This proposed budget is an increase of only \$30,000 over the amended current year budget.

#### INTRODUCTION

This budget message will introduce the Yancey County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed budget. The budgeting process begins in February of each year with management requesting proposed appropriation use plans from departments, agencies and other County-supported entities. This year the requests for County funding exceeded expected revenues by over \$1.15 million. Over the course of numerous work sessions, the County Commissioners and County staff have worked to develop a balanced budget in line with expected revenue. This document will show how the County plans to utilize its fiscal resources and will highlight some of the more significant impacts to the County's budget.

Yancey County continues the efforts of the past nine years to accomplish three primary goals: restoration of the financial integrity of Yancey County, maintain essential public safety, health and human services, and make strategic investments necessary to support economic prosperity. Every year it seems county governments are asked to provide a higher share of the cost burden for services mandated by the state and federal governments. Despite these continued challenges, Yancey County continues to make great progress in meeting the needs of our citizens while operating a lean administrative organizational structure. The County surely lives by the mountain adage to "pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps." Every department is asked to function by prioritization and creativity. This budget reflects the positive involvement by department heads and agency leadership to allow the County to provide the resources necessary for county financial stability, public schools, law enforcement, public safety, economic development and other vital services. County staff is to be commended for accomplishing much with limited resources and I am pleased to present this budget that continues to provide the tools necessary for an effective and efficient government.

#### REVENUES

This budget provides a priority spending plan that attempts to minimize the tax burden on the County taxpayer. Yancey County has been rated the past several years by SmartAsset.com, a New York financial technology company, as one of the top five North Carolina places where taxpayers get the most "Bang for their Buck." This is very positive recognition from a national financial organization that we hope all taxpayers will take pride in knowing their County government leadership is taking care of them in a professional, businesslike manner.

The County's primary sources of funding are property and sales taxes and state and federal grants. Property taxes constitute the County's largest source of revenue. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, it is recommended that the property tax rate be maintained at the current rate of \$0.60 per \$100 of valuation. It is expected this rate will provide estimated total revenue of \$12,366,361 or 56% of the total general fund budget. The Yancey County Tax Department continues to work diligently, but respectfully, with taxpayers to collect taxes owed to the County. Yancey County is ranked in the top half of North Carolina counties in collection of property taxes. The current property tax collection rate is nearly and will likely exceed 98%, which puts Yancey County in the range with our County peer group. The efforts of the Tax Department ensure that all citizens are treated equally and fairly.

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The sales tax for the County continues to be a steady and reliable source of additional revenue for the County. A large percentage of sales tax is state-mandated to be distributed by the County to the Yancey County Board of Education for the provision of the public schools. Recent state legislation that expanded the sales tax base (that is the sales tax now charged for certain services) has been accounted for in this budget and will be used as required by the state for economic development, schools and the community college. Other revenue sources such as fees from building permits, deed filings, firearm permit fees and others are projected to be minor as they constitute only a small portion of the revenue for this budget. The remaining revenue sources include federal and state block grants for specific programs, primarily at the Department of Social Services and the Transportation Department. As always, it is recommended that the Board continue to support property tax collection measures to ensure that all outstanding tax revenue is collected.

The only tax rate changes proposed are to the fire tax levies in the Burnsville Township Fire District and the Pensacola Fire District as requested by the leadership of those respective fire departments. Both departments saw a significant decrease in funding as a result of the last real property reappraisal. Also, in the case of Pensacola Fire District, the loss of taxable acreage of property that has been placed into conservation and included in the expansion of Mount Mitchell State Park into the Pensacola community, forcing very difficult budget constraints on these agencies. These, as well as all the County's non-profit independent fire departments, provide an invaluable volunteer service to our communities. As reviewed and determined by the Board, the requests by these departments to increase the fire tax levy by 1.5 cents for the Burnsville Township Fire District, and to increase the fire tax levy by 2 cents for the Pensacola Township Fire District, is included in the provision of this budget and accompanying ordinance.

#### MAJOR INITIATIVES AND EXPENDITURES

Yancey County continues to make great progress in fiscal management, capital planning and day-to-day operations. Accurate budget projections and a disciplined approach to budget administration have yielded great dividends for both the County organization and taxpayers. As this document explains every year, this proposed budget will continue to address our three primary goals: restoration of the financial integrity of Yancey County, maintain essential public safety, health and human services, and make strategic investments necessary to support economic prosperity. The budget is an all encompassing, living and breathing document that addresses the fiscal needs of some 40-plus county departments, affiliated county/regional agencies and non-profit organizations. This section will specifically discuss some of the larger contributions for significant departments and major initiatives as follows: fiscal control and financial stability, public schools and education, Sheriff's Department and Detention Center, East Yancey Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System, employee

compensation and health insurance, community and human service agencies, and facility needs and capital outlay.

1) Fiscal Control and Financial Stability: Yancey County is proud to report that the County's fund balance exceeds the state requirement of 8%. At the end of FY 2015-16, Yancey County had a fund balance reserve available for appropriation of \$1,890,381. This represents a fund balance of 9%. While this was a slight decrease from the prior fiscal year due to expenditures to complete the octennial reappraisal, it still represents a tremendous amount of work by the Board of Commissioners, administration and department heads. By working together, Yancey County is in the best financial condition in over a decade. In the event a catastrophic event was to strike Yancey County, the County must have the financial resources available to address unknown and unexpected situations that could cripple our community if found unprepared. This proposed budget continues the effort to provide that needed financial stability and recommends an allocation of \$300,000 to the "Contribution to Fund Balance" line item in the general fund. In addition, an allocation of \$100,865 is recommended for the general contingency fund Achieving the 8% fund balance level has been the primary goal for County Commissioners and administration since 2009, and now to build upon this accomplishment will position the County for great progress in the future. This has been a difficult task with many sacrifices but everyone is very proud to have accomplished this goal for the long-term stability of Yancey County.

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2) <u>Public Schools and Education</u>: Yancey County Schools continue to do great things to improve educational performance among our students. Yancey County students perform extremely well on all statewide measurement factors. In fact, Yancey County Schools ranked as the number eight (8) performing system in the State of North Carolina in a 2017 assessment by the Public School Forum of North Carolina. The Yancey County graduation rate is ranked the number six (6) system in the state.

Yancey County is pleased to have a close relationship with the Yancey County Board of Education and is pleased to work together to ensure our students have the best facilities and equipment that can be provided so they have every opportunity to succeed. The Board of Commissioners met jointly with the Board of Education to discuss funding priorities as well as developing a plan for capital facilities for Yancey County Schools. As discussed in the budget message last year, the Commission has committed to pursue financing up to \$11.5 million for school facility improvements at the county's aging elementary schools as may be recommended by the Board of Education and the facility evaluation study commissioned by the Board of Education. After a lengthy public involvement process, the evaluation study was completed last fall and ultimately revealed the need for a new elementary school in western Yancey County to replace three of the systems oldest facilities as the first step. This unprecedented level of financial commitment for capital facility improvement by the Board of Commissioners continues to move forward this year. Property has been acquired and architectural planning and design of the facility is nearing completion. Construction is expected to begin in October 2017 and the new school completed by the summer of 2019. This budget prepares for this project by appropriating \$500,000 for future debt service on the project. Further appropriations will likely be needed in future fiscal years as the financing package is finalized and those payments scheduled.

<u>One-to-One Technology</u>: Several years ago, Yancey County Schools received a grant from the GoldenLEAF Foundation allowing the system to implement a one-to-one technology program at Mountain Heritage High School. This program allowed for the purchase of Chromebook computers for every high school student to be used for educational activities. This has been a very successful program

allowing students to possess a computer for educational needs that many would otherwise be unable to afford. The multi-year funding for this program has expired and without funding from Yancey County the program will end. Funding to continue the one-to-one technology program is a priority for Yancey County. To that end, this budget recommends a special appropriation in the amount of \$72,750 for technology capital as requested by the Board of Education.

Classroom Supply Assistance Stipend: Furthermore, Yancey County Government recognizes the valuable work of our public school classroom teachers. Teachers receive a very small amount of state funds to provide the most basic supplies such as pencils, pens, and paper leaving parents and teachers to provide these items. Each year, teachers spend a lot of money out of their own pockets for classroom supplies that are needed to provide a quality education for our children. At a time when the state doesn't even pay teachers adequately for the professional jobs they do it is not reasonable for teachers having to spend their own money for basic supplies. Yancey County respects the dedication of our County's teachers and desires to help teachers with this issue. Yancey County proposes the creation of the Yancey County Classroom Supply Assistance Program to offset the amount teachers spend out of pocket on supplies. This county program will provide an annual \$150 stipend for every Yancey County classroom teacher to purchase instructional supplies for their classroom. This budget provides a special appropriation of \$30,000 in order to provide this stipend.

General Summary: As mentioned above, there is also included in this budget \$500,000 for capital facility debt service to be used in the implementation of the facility improvement plan for the County's aging elementary schools. Aside from this major facility improvement initiative, the County's commitment to Yancey County Schools and its students continues to be a top priority and this budget maintains the current level of appropriation for current expense, maintains current level funding for JROTC, and local supplements. Specifically, this budget appropriates \$2,900,000 for the school system's current expense budget. Additionally, the County maintains the \$100,000 appropriation for local supplements, a \$40,000 appropriation for continuation of the JROTC program, a \$150,000 appropriation to the schools' capital outlay fund (which is an increase of \$70,000 over current year), and \$60,000 in timber receipts designated for school use. This is a total commitment to the Yancey County School System of \$3,852,750.

<u>Mayland Community College</u>, while primarily supported with state funds, depends on the three partner counties of Yancey, Mitchell and Avery for operational and capital equipment costs. Yancey County has historically funded the community college at or above the level of the other partner counties. Mayland Community College operations and capital equipment costs are funded in this budget with an appropriation of \$355,000, an increase of 4.5% over the FY 2016.

Furthermore, the County is pleased to have assisted Mayland with the construction of the "Anspach Advanced Manufacturing School" on the Yancey Campus. This facility is a valuable asset in the recruitment of business and industry to Yancey County as well as providing the trained workforce in new manufacturing technology necessary for the County's existing industries. This budget includes an appropriation of \$10,000 as the fourth installment of a contribution pledge of \$50,000 for the construction of the Anspach Advanced Manufacturing School at the Yancey Campus.

3) <u>Sheriff's Department and Detention Center</u>: The County is committed to continuing appropriations necessary for the Sheriff to provide for the safety and security of our community. This budget provides

funding to continue needed capital equipment purchases, such as an additional patrol vehicles, to provide officer safety equipment, to provide for an increase in the cost of inmate meals and medical care. Specifically, this budget provides funds for the purchase of three (3) vehicles through Ford Credit for the Sheriff's Department as part of the County's vehicle replacement program.

The Sheriff is responsible for managing several sections of the County budget. The Sheriff is responsible for the "Sheriff's Department" budget of \$1,534,921 which includes patrol and investigations, "Sheriff Dispatch" budget of \$315,528; "County Detention Facility" budget of \$1,043,388; "County Grounds Security" budget of \$68,791; and the "Non-Departmental Juvenile Inmate Confinement" budget of \$3,000. The total appropriated by this budget and managed by the Sheriff is \$2,965,628, which is 13% of the total general fund budget.

- 4) East Yancey Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System: This major infrastructure project had been in the planning and development phase since the 1990s when Yancey County took the lead for the project from the Town of Burnsville in the early 2000s. Several years ago, Yancey County began construction on the waste water treatment plant and collection system to serve the greater Micaville area. I am pleased to report that after all these years, the Micaville collection system is active and accepting customers. Numerous applications have been distributed to interested residential and commercial entities in the service area and connections are being made. Two of the larger expected users, Micaville Elementary School and Hickory Springs Manufacturing, have indicated they will connect over the coming weeks. The County has contracted with the Town of Burnsville to operate and administer the day-to-day operations of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system as they have the manpower, equipment and expertise necessary. As expected, this new system will require significant investment in personnel and resources to provide this service to the citizens of Yancey County. This budget provides an appropriation of \$150,000 to cover the cost of operation, maintenance, and future improvements for the East Yancey Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System. This is an increase of \$50,000 over the current year appropriation. As this is a unique plant design and an unknown amount of potential users at this time, it may be necessary to return later in the fiscal year to reevaluate actual operation costs and amend this proposed budget if deemed appropriate. Furthermore, the County is seeking state grant and loan funds to complete the remaining sections of the collection system from Windom to the Burnsville city limits and it may become necessary to appropriate matching or debt service funds to complete construction as designed.
- 5) <u>Employee Compensation and Health Insurance</u>: County employees work hard to serve the citizens to provide a safe, secure, healthy and prosperous community. The economic circumstances over the past several years has resulted in more citizens seeking County assistance, whether it has been for vital social services, transportation, medical services or law enforcement. As the County's fiscal health has improved in recent years, every effort has been made to include some provision of increase in employee pay to try to keep close with changes in economic conditions. This budget includes an across the board pay increase for all employees of 2% which is reflective of data from the federal Consumer Price Index (CPI).

In addition to this across the board increase, as part of a larger comprehensive human resource strategy, the administration recommends examining the current position classification and pay plan to include reviewing and updating all position job descriptions. This plan is a tool that is used daily to determine the compensation offered to employees by the County and was last updated in 2001. It is readily

apparent that most Yancey County employees as a general rule are paid significantly less than their counterparts in the same positions in neighboring and peer group counties across the state. The County fights a constant battle with recruiting good employees, training them at significant expense, just to see them depart to another county doing the same job for significantly greater compensation. The administration believes a full review of the position classification and pay plan should be undertaken to begin the process of improving our human resource structure. Toward that end, this proposed budget includes an appropriation of \$16,200 to contract with a respected human resource firm with experience in this area to conduct such a review.

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Furthermore, for a great many years the County has provided employee health insurance utilizing a broker to search out plans from the private insurance market for stand-alone group coverage. Costs for the small County employee group plans have and continue to escalate making it financially difficult to remain in this arrangement. It has become necessary for the County to transition to a new major medical health insurance provider for employees. As you may know, the County has been granted permission to join the State Health Plan, the health insurance program for state employee's and teachers of the State of North Carolina. Yancey County will transition to the State Health Plan effect July 1, 2017. It is expected that joining the State Health Plan will provide the County the financial stability of the large entity to soften the year-to-year increases of health insurance. The State Health Plan is administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.C. For employees, the State Health Plan is a return to the PPO-system of insurance and away from the health savings account (HSA) model the County has used for the past several years. For the County as an employer, in this first year the transition is expected to save the County thousands of dollars. Thanks to this significant savings, for the first time anyone can remember, the County will pay 100% of the employee cost of health insurance (except for the staterequired employee portion). This is a significant enhancement for the County employee benefit package.

6) Economic Development and TRACTOR: It is no secret that Yancey County is limited in the amount of financial resources to fund lots of programs. However, Yancey County is serious about economic development and job creation on our community. Yancey County is proud to partner with the Town of Burnsville to jointly fund the Yancey County Economic Development Commission. Recently, the County and Town tentatively agreed on memorializing our funding agreement of the agency to cost share the operations at 60% County funding and 40% Town funding. This is an important step in assuring the work of the Commission. An equally important second step is to increase funding to the Commission in order to employ a full-time executive director. The Commission has operated with a part-time director for many years, however, the work involved in recruiting new, as well as maintaining, business and industry in Yancey County has grown to a large and demanding job. It has become obvious that a full-time director is needed to shepherd the valuable work of economic development in Yancey County. To that end, this proposed budget includes an increase in funding for the purpose of increasing the position of executive director from part-time to a full-time position bringing the total appropriation for the Yancey County Economic Development Commission to \$60,825.

In addition, Yancey County fully recognizes the important contributions and value to our community from TRACTOR Farm and Foods, a non-profit regional food hub and farmer training organization originally founded in part by Yancey County Government. The development of agriculture as an economic driver in Yancey County is an important part of the overall multi-prong county strategy for successful economic development. The recently completed study of agriculture completed by the

Yancey County Agriculture Task Force and presented to the County identified TRACTOR as a critical component in the overall success or farming in our community. A key finding in the study identified increased staffing needs at TRACTOR to expand markets and drive sales in order to make it a successful stand-alone entity. The community believes in TRACTOR and many great projects has originated out of the partnerships forged by the organization such as the County inmate "Gardens of Opportunity" project, the FFA student farm and the Bowditch Farms project. Agriculture in Yancey County is one of our most cherished cultural ideals and continuing that heritage is as important as the economic benefits. That being said, the proposed budget provides TRACTOR an appropriation of \$150,000 to continue the work of agriculture development in Yancey County.

- 7) Community and Human Service Agencies: Yancey County is fortunate to have many beneficial community agencies serving the vital needs of Yancey County's citizens. The County continues to support these initiatives by maintaining funding appropriations to the Parkway Playhouse, Toe River Arts Council, Yancey History Association, Yancey County Rescue Squad, Yancey County Senior Center, Yancey County Literacy Council, the Middle School Health Centers, PATH of Western North Carolina (formerly Graham Children's Health Services), Hospice of Yancey County, the Yancey County Humane Society, the Yancey County Youth League, Yancey Residential Services and others. The County provides critical financial support to these agencies that allows them to provide these various needed services to our community at a much greater return on investment than if performed directly by County government. The investments in these agencies benefit every sector and demographic group in our county in a positive, meaningful way.
- 8) <u>Facility Needs and Capital Outlay</u>: The Yancey County Courthouse serves as the center of County government and the seat of the General Court of Justice for Yancey County. Over the past year, a number of improvements have been made to the Courthouse, including phased installation of HVAC units on the first floor. This budget provides additional funds for Phase Three in order to continue the installation of HVAC units to additional offices and common areas on the first floor. In addition to the Courthouse, a number of other County facilities are in need of HVAC modernization and general facility repair. Funds are included in this budget to complete these needed repairs and renovations in order to have facilities citizens can be proud of as well as providing a safe workplace for employees.

#### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

The leadership of the Board of Commissioners and the diligent work of County employees has resulted in tremendous progress toward rebuilding the financial stability of County government. This stability has allowed Yancey County Government to accomplish a great many projects and program initiatives for the long-term improvement of our community. This budget continues the good work that allows all departments, agencies and community partners of Yancey County to move forward together.

Respectfully submitted on this the 12th day of June 2017.

NATHAN R. BENNETT, Yancey County Manager Attach ment I

#### YANCEY COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 159-10, 159-11, and 159-12, each Department Head submitted budget requests and estimates of the financial requirements of each department in such form and detail as was prescribed by the Budget Officer and Finance Officer. Same were submitted in consideration of the associated Department Head's complete statement of amounts exhausted for each category of expenditures in the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2016-2017, together with such estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and with the estimation of the amount to be realized from each source of revenue. On April 22, 2017, the Budget Officer submitted a preliminary draft budget to the Yancey County Board of Commissioners for their consideration. complying in all respects with North Carolina General Statutes 159-13(b). On the same date, the Budget Officer also filed a copy of the preliminary draft budget in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, where it remained for public inspection; updated versions were substituted as they became available, until the adoption of the Budget Ordinance. Copies of same were also made available to all local news media, together with a statement being published to the effect that the budget has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and was available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, and stating that a public hearing would be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina. Such a public hearing was held at the designated time and place at which time persons who desired to be heard regarding the budget appeared before the Board.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Yancey as follows:

# **County Commissioner Compensation**

The County Commissioners of Yancey County shall be compensated as follows: Chairman \$9,921.36 annually and Commission Members \$8570.50 annually.

#### Section One:

The appropriations made herein are for the maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and to accomplish the purpose described. Each Department Head shall affect savings and unexpended and unobligated portions of each appropriation shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of the fiscal year.

#### Section Two:

Appropriations are hereby made for the fiscal year beginning July1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 according to the following schedule (Appendix A and B):

#### Section Three:

There is hereby levied and authorized to be collected for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in accordance with Chapter 105 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, a tax on all property situated in Yancey County, which tax shall be at the rate of sixty cents (\$.60) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of such property. It is further authorized that the 2017-2018 tax levy include an additional six and one-half cents (\$.065) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the South Toe Fire District of South Toe Township; an additional eight cents (\$.08) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the Pensacola Fire District of Pensacola Township; an additional six cents (\$.06) for the

Double Island Fire District of Brush Creek Township, and for the Newdale Fire District of Crabtree Township; an additional seven and one-half cents (.075) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the Burnsville Rural Fire Tax District of the Burnsville Township (non-municipal); an additional five cents (\$.05) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the Egypt/Ramseytown Fire District of Egypt and Ramseytown Townships, and for the Clearmont Fire District of the Jacks Creek and Green Mountain Townships; and an additional four cents (\$.04) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the West Yancey Fire District of Prices Creek and Cane River Townships. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Budget Officer to modify the fire district budget up to the amount of collections. These rates are based on an estimated total assessed value for the purpose of taxation of two billion, seventy-eight million, six hundred thirty-two thousand, three hundred twenty-one dollars (\$2,078,632,321.00). Current year collections have been used to estimate the tax revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

#### Section Four:

The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department without limitation and without a report being required. The Budget Officer further is authorized to make amendments within departmental budgets in amounts not to exceed a total of \$10,000 per department. The Budget Officer may also transfer amounts up to \$10,000 between departments within the same fund with an official report on such transfers provided to the Board of Commissioners. The Budget Officer is also further authorized to execute any contracts or documents for which this budget has an appropriation made hereto.

#### **Section Five:**

Copies of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer to be kept on file for her direction in the acceptance of revenues and the expenditure of amounts appropriated. Copies of this Ordinance shall also be furnished to the Clerk to the Board to be kept on file for examination by the public.

#### Section Six:

Attest:

Abopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

Attest:

John Stallings, Commissioner

(county seal)

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# APPENDIX A

# YANCEY COUNTY 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

GENERA	AL FUND	
REVENUES		
REVE	INUES	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	
GENERAL REVENUES	\$10,200.00	
LICENSE PLATE AGENCY	\$94,715.00	
TAX COLLECTIONS	\$13,600,861.00	
NONDEPARTMENTAL	\$4,047,195.00	
CLERK OF COURT	\$20,500.00	
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$175,110.00	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$56,497.00	
JAIL	\$179,200.00	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$45,000.00	
TRANSPORTATION	\$543,415.00	
SANITATION	\$286,116.00	
LANDFILL	\$139,983.00	
DSS - ADMINISTRATION	\$2,438,032.00	
DSS - INCOME MAINTENANCE	\$10,500.00	
VETERAN SERVICES	\$1,525.00	
CHILD DAY CARE	\$113,000.00	
CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION	\$13,200.00	
RECREATION	\$28,500.00	
TOE RIVER CAMPGOUND	\$223,700.00	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$20,625.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	S: \$22,047,874.00	
EXPE	INSES	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	

GOVERNING BODY	\$119,833.00
MANAGEMENT	\$133,928.00
FINANCE	\$130,470.00
TAX ADMINISTRATION	\$410,889.00
LEGAL SERVICES	\$53,620.00
LICENSE PLATE AGENCY	\$122,215.00
CLERK OF COURT	\$8,000.00
BOARD OF ELECTIONS	\$212,521.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$226,668.00
MAINTENANCE	\$459,707.00
MAPPING	\$94,368.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$99,147.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	<b>\$1,267,533.00</b>
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$1,534,921.00
SHERIFF'S DISPATCH	\$315,528.00
COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY	\$1,043,388.00
NONDEPARTMENTAL	\$3,000.00
COUNTY GROUNDS SECURITY	\$68,791.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$86,457.00
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$109,919.00
MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20,500.00
CONTRACTUAL EMS/RESCUE	\$1,164,157.00
E-911 NONSURCHARGE	\$443,825.00
TRANSPORTATION - ADMIN	\$140,344.00
TRANSPORTATION - OPERATIONS	\$249,970.00
TRANSPORTATION - E&D PROGRAM	\$120,399.00
TRANSPORTATION - CAPITAL	\$130,700.00
TRANSPORATION - 5310 GRANT	\$61,070.00
SANITATION	\$1,253,337.00
RECYCLING	\$144,547.00
LANDFILL	\$279,966.00
FORESTRY	\$78,554.00
COUNTY PLANNER	\$39,588.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$22,047,874.00
CONT TO OTHER FUNDS	\$890,386.00
TOE RIVER CAMPGROUND	\$265,499.00
CRG - ADMINISTRATION	\$151,810.00
RECREATION	\$155,544.00
CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION	\$66,196.00
LIBRARY	\$120,118.00
COMMUNITY COLLEGES	\$365,000.00
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,852,750.00
CHILD DAY CARE	\$309,178.00
VETERAN SERVICES	\$17,062.00
DSS - CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES	\$2,553,023.00
DSS - INCOME MAINTENANCE	\$1,307,371.00
DSS - ADMINISTRATION	\$511,550.00
TOE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT	\$365,141.00
MENTAL HEALTH	\$26,000.00
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION	\$88,086.00
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION	\$223,965.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$151,335.00

# SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

GRANT FUND		
REVENUES		
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	
JCPC ADMINISTRATION	\$1,830.00	
MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE	\$35,938.00	
DJJDP - JUVENILE MEDIATION	\$3,781.00	
DJJDP - PROJECT CHALLENGE	\$30,423.00	
DJJDP - FAMILY BASED COUNSELING	\$0.00	
DJJDP - CROSSNORE SCHOOL	\$6,375.00	
GOV CRIME COMM GRANT (DETENTION)	\$0.00	
BJA VEST GRANT	\$0.00	
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$17,100.00	
TOTAL REVENUES: \$95,447		
EXPI	ENSES	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	
JCPC - ADMIN GRANT	\$1,830.00	
MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE	\$44,922.00	
DJJDP - JUVENILE MEDIATION	\$4,537.00	
DJJDP - PROJECT CHALLENGE	\$36,508.00	
DJJDP - FAMILY BASED COUNSELING	\$0.00	
GOV CRIME COMM GRANT (DETENTION)	\$0.00	
BJA VEST GRANT	\$0.00	
DJJDP - CROSSNORE SCHOOL	\$7,650.00	
TOTAL EXPENS	ES: \$95,447.00	

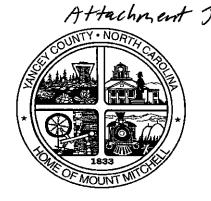
E-911 SUCHARGE FUND		
REVE	NUES	
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	
ENHANCED 911 REVENUES	\$154,130.00	
CONTRIBUTION FROM FUND BALANCE	\$153,312.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	S: \$307,442.00	
EXPENSES		
ENHANCED 911 EXPENDITURES	\$307,442.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	S: \$307,442.00	

REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND			
REVENUES			
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT		
AUTOMATION REVENUES	\$8,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$8,000.00		
EXPENSES			
AUTOMATION EXPENSES	\$8,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$8,000.00		

REVALUATION FUND				
REVENUES				
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT			
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$40,000.00			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$40,000.00			
EXPENSES				
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$40,000.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	: \$40,000.00			
FIRE DISTR	ICT FUND			
REVE!	IUES			
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT			
FIRE DEPT REVENUES	\$1,500,000.00			
TOTAL REVENUES	: \$1,500,000.00			
EXPENSES				
FIRE DEPT EXPENDITURES	\$1,500,000.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	: \$1,500,000.00			

MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND			
REVENUES			
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT		
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$150,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$150,000.00		
EXPENSES			
EAST YANCEY SEWER PROJECT START-UP	\$150,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$150,000.00		

DEBT SERVICE FUND		
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REVENUES		
DEPARTMENT	ADOPTED AMOUNT	
CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL FUND	\$383,276.00	
FEDERAL GOVT INT REIM - LIBRARY	\$17,488.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$400,764.00	
EXPENSES		
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE	\$104,861.00	
OLD FOREST SERVICE OFFICE BLDG	\$48,233.00	
JAIL DEBT SERVICE	\$247,670.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<b>\$400,764.00</b>	



# RESOLUTION

# IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF LABOR AND DELIVERY SERVICES AT BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, Yancey County Government strives to ensure the health, safety and wellness of county citizens with all available resources; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital is a critical component in the continuum of care having served Yancey County and the region as a full service hospital since 1955; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important aspects of medical care is the prenatal care of women and the safe delivery of babies in a state of the art labor and delivery department of a hospital; and

WHEREAS, this Board is concerned to learn of the recent decision by Blue Ridge Regional Hospital and Mission Health to terminate labor and deliver services at the Spruce Pine facility; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that maternity care may be slightly more expensive to provide in a rural community but those costs are outweighed by the dangers and challenges to our citizens to travel such great distance for obstetric care and access to a birthing center that could lead to more births occurring in unstable and dangerous environments during transit; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital and the community are fortunate to have available a number of medical providers with years of experience and training that are some of the foremost experts in providing rural medical care for consultation to solve any issue with labor and delivery services as well as other hospital services; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital benefits greatly from tremendous public support for the modern facility and professional medical services it provides to our citizens at the community level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests Blue Ridge Regional Hospital and Mission Health to reconsider the decision to terminate labor and delivery services at the Spruce Pine facility and to continue providing these services in Spruce Pine for the medical necessity and safety of our citizens.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners.

(County Seal)

n Robinson, Clerk to the Board

Johnny Riddle, Chairman



# RESOLUTION

# IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATE FUNDING TO MEET THE MENTAL HEALTH, INTELELCTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICE NEEDS FOR THE CITIZENS OF YANCEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Yancey County is a member of Vaya Health, the area authority for twenty-three (23) western North Carolina counties that make up Vaya's Catchment Area; and

WHEREAS, Yancey County knows that citizens dealing with mental illness and substance use disorders can achieve recovery with the right services and supports, and that citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live productive lives in our communities with appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the need for services and supports for these individuals is increasing due to North Carolina's growing population and the opioid epidemic in North Carolina and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vaya Health achieved savings through prudent and successful management of the Medicaid 1915(b)/(c) Waiver; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of the NC General Assembly and the NC Department of Health and Human Services, the governing Board of Vaya Health developed and is implementing a robust community reinvestment plan to use savings that is benefiting the citizens of Yancey County and the entire Catchment Area; and

WHEREAS, Vaya's reinvestment plan included purchase and distribution of more than 2600 opioid reversal kits; expansion of the Youth Villages Intercept® program that helps prevents out-of-home placement for children; increased funding for YV Lifeset® services for children aging out of foster care; development and ongoing support for two Behavioral Health Urgent Care Centers; development of substance use recovery housing; improving integrated care through workforce development training, including training for direct support professionals who serve persons with IDD; support for community programs that create affordable housing options, prevent eviction and help individuals with disabilities access housing and other forms of federal aid; and installation of MindKare® Kiosks across the Catchment Area (to include one at the Yancey County Library) to help reduce stigma and provide a convenient way for citizens to learn about services; and



WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly significantly reduced State funding for mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder services for the past two years and passed those costs down to Vaya Health and the other area authorities; and

WHEREAS, these budget reductions can no longer be absorbed by Vaya Health without jeopardizing services to citizens of the Vaya Health Catchment Area, negatively impacting the lives of people in need of services as well as potentially impacting the local economy through job loss;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners that we do hereby request the North Carolina General Assembly consider the following:

- Maintain full State funding for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use services without further reductions; and
- Commit to increasing State funding for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use services in order to serve the growing numbers of indigent, uninsured and under-insured population; and

Johnny Riddle, Chairman

- Allow Vaya Health to continue to use its savings to reinvest in enhanced services in our communities rather than having to use that funding to replace State budget reductions.
- This Resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of June, 2017 by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners.

(County Seal)

Robinson, Clerk to the Board

Attachment L

# April 3, 2017

TO: Nathan Bennett, County Manager
Johnny Riddle, Chairman, County Commissioners
Jill Austin, County Commissioner
Mark Ledford, County Commissioner
John Stallings, County Commissioner
Jeff Whitson, County Commissioner

FROM: Vivian Hollifield, YCCOA Director

RE: H&CCBG Lead Agency for Yancey County

We are in the process of completing our budget for the FY 2018 and once again are asking for a letter from you designating YCCOA as the Lead Agency for Yancey County for FY 2018.

Attached is our H&CCBG Advisory Committee Board for approval.

Thank you.

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# YANCEY COUNTY H&CCBG ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD

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